

other purposes, the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad toll bridge and approaches thereto across the Rio Grande, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Hidalgo, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject further to the approval of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and also subject to the approval of the proper authorities in the Republic of Mexico to the construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge.

34 Stat. 84.
33 USC 491-498.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Texas needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its originally designed approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State of Texas.

Rights and powers.

SEC. 3. The said Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of the State of Texas or the United States applicable thereto, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Tolls.

SEC. 4. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act to any public agency, or to an international bridge authority or commission, is hereby granted to the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, or legal representatives; and any such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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Public Law 268

CHAPTER 482

AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of a tract of land in Dane County, Wisconsin, to the Wisconsin State Armory Board.

August 14, 1953
[H. R. 1245]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to donate and convey to the Wisconsin State Armory Board, for the use of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of land (together with all buildings and improvements thereon) located in Truax Field, Dane County, Wisconsin. Such tract of land contains approximately eight and eight-tenths acres and is more particularly described as follows:

Wisconsin State
Armory Board,
Conveyance.

Commencing at a point in the east line of section 29, township 8 north, range 10 east, fourth principal meridian, said point being the center line of Bowman Street; thence west one thousand three hundred and ten feet to a point, said point being the west line of Wright Street, which is the point of beginning; thence north four hundred and fifty feet more or less along the west line of Wright Street to a point in the center line of Sullivan Street; thence west along the center line of Sullivan Street to a point in the east line of Hoffman Street; thence south four hundred and fifty feet more or less to a point in the center line of Bowman Street; thence east along the center line of Bowman Street to the point of beginning.

64 Stat. 830.
50 USC 882, 883.

50 USC 881 note.

SEC. 2. Any contribution of funds by the Secretary of Defense to the State of Wisconsin, for the construction of facilities as provided in section 3 (c) of the National Defense Facilities Act of 1950 (Public Law 783, Eighty-first Congress) shall, in addition to the limitation provided in section 4 (d) of said Act, be reduced in an amount equivalent to the fair value of the real estate described in section 1, excluding the improvements thereon, as determined by the Department of the Army: *Provided*, That funds contributed by the Federal Government for the construction of a National Guard Armory shall be conditioned upon joint construction and joint utilization within the meaning of Public Law 783, Eighty-first Congress, as may be necessary to house other reserve component units in the area: *And provided further*, That the conveyance herein authorized shall be made subject to the condition and limitation that if the property shall cease to be used for the training and maintaining of reserve component units, the title to the land so conveyed shall revert to and revest in the United States.

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Public Law 269

CHAPTER 483

AN ACT

August 14, 1953
[H. R. 4151]

To provide wage credits under title II of the Social Security Act for military service before July 1, 1953, and to extend the time for filing application for lump-sum death payments under such title with respect to the death of certain individuals dying in the service who are reinterred.

Veterans' death
payments.
66 Stat. 774.
42 USC 417.

64 Stat. 487.
42 USC 402(i).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 217 (e) of the Social Security Act relating to "Benefits in Case of Veterans" is amended by striking out "January 1, 1954" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1955".

SEC. 2. Section 202 (i) of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "In the case of any individual who died outside the forty-eight States and the District of Columbia after December 1953 and before July 1955, whose death occurred while he was in the active military or naval service of the United States, and who is returned to any of such States, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands for interment or reinterment, the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not prevent payment to any person under the second sentence of this subsection if application for a lump-sum death payment with respect to such deceased individual is filed by or on behalf of such person (whether or not legally competent) prior to the expiration of two years after the date of such interment or reinterment."

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